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For : MEDICAL GRAFT CONNECTOR OR PLUG STRUCTURES, AND METHODS OF
MAKING AND INSTALLING SAME

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RULE 53(b)
CONTINUING PATENT APPLICATION

Sir:

This is a request for filing a ☒ continuation, ☐ divisional, application of pending prior Application No. 09/569,607, (Confirmation No. 8512), filed May 10, 2000.

Transmitted herewith for filing are the ☒ specification; ☒ claims; ☒ abstract; ☒ declaration; ☒ power of attorney; for the above-identified patent application.

The enclosed declaration is:

- ☐ Newly executed (original or copy).
- ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)).
- ☐ A signed statement is attached deleting inventors named in the prior application (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)).
- ☒ The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

☒ The prior application, Application No. 09/569,607, filed May 10, 2000 is assigned of record to St. Jude Medical Cardiovascular Group, Inc.

Also transmitted herewith are:

☒ 8 sheets of:

☒ Formal drawings.

☐ Informal drawings. Formal drawings will be filed during the pendency of this application.

☒ Notification Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.604(b) Identifying Published Patent Applications From Which Claims Have Been Copied

☐ An assignment of the invention to _____

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NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.604(b)
 IDENTIFYING PUBLISHED PATENT APPLICATIONS
FROM WHICH CLAIMS HAVE BEEN COPIED


Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.604(b), applicants are presenting claims known to define the same patentable invention claimed in a pending application of another, and applicants hereby identify the published applications from which the claims have been copied:

<u>Applicants'</u> <u>Claim No.</u>	<u>Publication No. of</u> <u>Published Application</u>	<u>Published</u> <u>Claim No.</u>
1	WO 01/41624	38+49
2	WO 01/41624	51
3	WO 01/41624	52
4	WO 01/41624	53
5	WO 99/62415	1
6	WO 99/62415	2
7	WO 99/62415	3+15
8	WO 99/62415	5+16
9	WO 99/62415	17
10	WO 99/62415	19
11	WO 99/62415	22
12	WO 99/62415	29
13	WO 99/62415	30
14	WO 99/62415	31
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17	WO 99/62415	34
18	WO 99/62415	36
19	WO 99/62415	37
20	WO 99/62415	40
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25	WO 99/62415	49+50
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